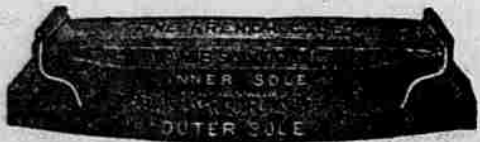


Open Every Night Till Christmas.
500 Pairs Samples
Men's Xmas Slippers

No two pairs alike. They arrived to-day nearly four weeks late, consequently we have ONLY TWO DAYS LEFT TO SELL THEM. THE FOLLOWING PRICES OUGHT TO DO IT:

\$1.50 and \$2.00 values for.....	\$1.10
\$2.50 values for.....	\$1.45
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Sizes from 5 to 8.



SECTIONAL VIEW SHOWING CONSTRUCTION OF SOLA
Dr. A. REED'S CUSHION SHOE
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Applicable to the lightest and most perfect shoe demanded
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DON'T MISS OUR EXPANSION SALE on Shoes for Men, Women and Children. ALL DUPLICATE STOCK REDUCED.

Men's Dr. Reed's Cushion Shoes, \$5.00 for \$3.95; \$6.00 for \$4.95.

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LEATHER FURNITURE FOR XMAS GIFTS

We Offer to the Public This Week a Genuine Leather Turkish Colonial Rocker or Genuine Leather Turkish Couch at \$25.00



Parlor Suites, from \$15.00 to \$150.00
Odd Curved and Inlaid Upholstered Chairs, from \$3.75 to \$32.00
Dainty Odd Parlor Rockers, from \$4.75 to \$25.00
Turkish Genuine Leather Chairs and Rockers, from \$25.00 to \$72.00
Combination Davenport Beds and Bed Couches, the Prufrock's patent, from \$11.00 to \$79.00
It will pay you to purchase a nice piece of Leather Furniture now for a Christmas Present.
We want you to visit our salesroom, so that we can show you our immense assortment of Library and Parlor Furniture.
We are the largest manufacturers in the world of this class of goods. Factories and salesroom in St. Louis, also salesroom in New York.

PRUFROCK'S

No. 406 NORTH FOURTH ST.
Main Salesroom, Fourth and Locust Sts.
Factories Sixth and Eighth Sts., and Cass Ave., St. Louis.
Get a copy of our New Catalogue of "CHRISTMAS GIFTS."

PILES, FISSURE, ITCHING, CONSTIPATION.



The Holiday Clothing Trade.

All day yesterday our spacious second floor was thronged with customers. We are enjoying the best holiday trade for years. Now we want to make the last two days before Christmas equally as good. If you have in mind the purchase of a suit or overcoat to-day or to-morrow come to us—we expect you, and have provided for your clothing wants in a manner that is sure to please the most critical. Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats of the Mills & Averill Standard at our usual reasonable prices. See our artistic and generous display of \$12.00 Suits in our Broadway windows.

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TAILORING CO.,
BROADWAY AND PINE.

Holiday Gifts!

Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas,

\$1 to \$10.

Boys' and Men's Fur Gloves,

\$1.90 to \$12.

Dress Gloves,

\$1 to \$2.50.

Soft and Stiff Hats,

\$2 to \$5.

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Bunker Hill.....\$1.70
Litchfield.....\$2.30
Matteson.....\$3.50
Terre Haute.....\$7.00
Indianapolis.....\$9.90
Dayton.....\$12.00
Cincinnati.....\$20.00
Cleveland.....\$24.50
Buffalo.....\$24.50

SIMILAR RATES TO ALL POINTS INTERMEDIATE

TICKET OFFICE:
Broadway and Chestnut and Union Depot.

M'GRATH TIRED OF WASHINGTON.

Congressman Hunt's Private Secretary Would Like to Be Here Permanently.

MAY RETURN AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Sick and Tired of National Capital, Although He Declares He Has Enjoyed His Experiences in the East.

Michael K. McGrath, private secretary to Congressman J. T. Hunt, is back in St. Louis for the holidays. He lost no time yesterday in going down to the Laclede Hotel and exchanging political views with his old friends from the country. He is sick and tired of the national capital, even though he admits it, and would like to come back here and stay. However, he will probably return to Washington after the holidays.

"The two leaders of the House of Representatives," he said to a group of friends yesterday, "are about as unlike in their general make-up as they are politically. Payne, the Republican leader, is big and beefy; Williams is tall and slim. Payne represents the political prejudices of the Northern Republican; Williams the nature and instincts of the Southern gentleman. Payne's parliamentary tactics are those of the ward meeting; Williams' are open-handed and fearlessly against a majority."

"While the Republicans have the majority in the House, the Democrats have the talent and the orators, controlled largely by Missouri, Texas and the South. Williams and DeArmond are really the able men of the House. Intellectually the Congress of to-day is far below that of twenty years ago."

"Congress will do nothing this session other than passing the appropriation bill. Bartholdt will not even pass his canteen bill. The last Congress abolished the congressional saloon at the Capitol. This Congress is not likely to legislate in that direction. The drinking and gaming so common among Congressmen years ago has almost disappeared, and there is very little to be said of these excesses among the members of the present Congress."

SPEAKER IS ARBITRARY.
"The Republican House, with only twenty-nine majority, finds it difficult to steer itself, even with the aid of the Speaker, who is just as arbitrary as were his predecessors. Political rules of order, objections without reason, previous questions to shut off debate on the Democratic side, are as general and as readily recognized by Cannon as they were by Reed and Henderson. A change of fourteen members would place the Democrats in control of the House and reverse its present political complexion. This is not unexpected at the next general election."

"Congressman McClellan, recently elected Mayor of New York, is not what may be termed politically a brilliant man. He is of a practical view, with no pretenses to oratory, although a fair reasoner. He is about the average height and weight and built somewhat like Mayor Wells, but not quite as stout as Mr. Wells."

"Compared with the Senate, there are few millionaires in the House. Hearst of New York is about the only one. His millions, however, are chiefly in the hands of his mother, who went in 1848 with her husband from Franklin County, Missouri, to California, where young Hearst was born. He would like to be President, and is organizing his forces in that direction."

"Hanna, although in high favor with Senators and Representatives, will not be a candidate for the presidency. His chronic rheumatism will necessarily keep him out of the race. He cannot cross the ocean without the aid of a cane. Roosevelt will be the Republican nominee."

A prominent Republican was heard to say: "All favor Roosevelt for President, though nobody wants him. We will have time electing him." Senator Platt of Hanna, is on his last legs politically, and out of New York politics.

"Overruling the objections raised to Senator Smoot, he will not be disturbed. While his case and the charges are exacting, those against Robert Taft, elected last Congress, is not unlike it politically. Smoot is an alleged Republican, elected by a Republican Legislature, composed largely of Mormons. The two Senators from Utah represent a political anomaly—Reynolds is a Catholic and Smoot is a Mormon."

COME EARLY.

No Crowds Before 10:30 A. M.

Hall Closes for gifts—\$1 to \$50.

MERMOD & JACCARD'S
Broadway and Locust.

TORPEDOBOAT IN COLLISION.

Badly Damages Ferryboat in East River, New York.

New York, Dec. 22.—The torpedo boat Winslow was in collision with the steamer America in the East River to-day. The hull of the ferryboat was stove in and the torpedo boat was also injured.

The Winslow was starting for Newport, but at once put back for the navy yard, which was reached without accident. The ferryboat, which was crowded with passengers, began to list rapidly. As she was nearest the Manhattan shore her captain turned her around and the ferryboat was reaching the Grand Street pier in New York.

In the bow of the Winslow is a hold fourteen inches in diameter, and the bow is badly twisted and bent. When she reached the navy yard the torpedo boat was leaking badly, and has been docked for repairs. She was commanded by Lieutenant Charles F. Johnson and manned by a crew of forty men.

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Rockwood Vases for gifts—\$1 to \$50.

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Broadway and Locust.

SAYS HE FLAGGED THE TRAIN.

Brakeman Who Disappeared Returns to Fort Scott.

Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 22.—Sheridan Kanable, Marshal of Covertown, Ok., who was injured in yesterday's wreck of the St. Louis and San Francisco's fast train, the Meteor, near here, died to-day. This makes the total dead ten.

Brakeman Barkley, who, it was alleged, was responsible for the wreck in having failed to flag the passenger train, and who disappeared after the accident, reached here to-day. Barkley insists that he did flag the train.

Have you seen the Katy Girl?

ROBBED ON A SLEEPING CAR.

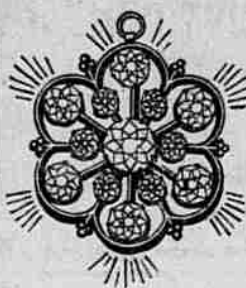
W. T. Sherman-Doyle Loses \$750 as Train Enters Omaha.

Omaha, Dec. 22.—W. T. Sherman-Doyle, general counsel for a Washington, D. C., corporation, was robbed of \$750 in a sleeping car to-day between Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Mr. Sherman-Doyle was on en route to the Pacific Coast. He bore money was taken from his pocket by three men who jostled him in the passageway of the sleeper just before the train entered Omaha. The robbers made their escape.

Rheumatism, more painful in this climate than any other affliction, cured by prescription No. 281, by Elmer & Amend.

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This Hand-some Brooch, \$5.50



Lady's Ring, \$1.25



Gentleman's Ring, \$2.25



Solid Silver Match Box, Only \$2.50



This Solid Silver Hair Brush, 9 1/2 inches long, \$6.00



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BROADWAY AND LOCUST.

BUILDERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Big Business Next Year Is Predicted at Banquet.

The Master Builders' Association held their annual banquet yesterday noon in their rooms in the Odd Fellows building. Two hundred members of the association attended. Hiram Lloyd, the newly elected president, made the principal address. He commented favorably upon the present building conditions in St. Louis and prophesied that the coming year would be an active one among contractors.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hiram Lloyd; first vice president, Charles D. Morley; second vice president, William R. Wilson; secretary, Niles L. Wickwire; treasurer, John Low; trustees, D. Evans and H. C. Gillick.

COME EARLY.

No Crowds Before 10:30 A. M.

Shaving Sets for gifts—\$1 to \$50.

MERMOD & JACCARD'S
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MARGINAL PRICE UNCHANGED.

Exchange Directors Stand by Former Ruling on Wheat.

At a special meeting yesterday the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange decided to make no change in the December wheat marginal price, which was fixed at 87 cents, plus 10 per cent of that amount, two weeks ago.

The sharp advance of the option in the last few days caused some alarm among the shorts, but after yesterday's decline it was generally agreed that there was no occasion to alter the marginal price and the meeting resolved itself into a love feast of the bulls and bears.

As quotations now stand values of futures are about the same as when the present marginal figures were agreed upon.

Church of the Holy Communion.

Twenty-eighth and Washington avenue. Christmas Eve, December 24, midnight service, 11:30 p. m. Mr. Alfred G. Robyn and choir will render the beautiful oratorio, "Story of Bethlehem." The service will close at 12:15 a. m.

Car Drags and Injures Dudley.

Mixing his foothold while attempting to board a car on the Spring avenue division of the St. Louis Transit Company at Garrison and Sheridan avenues yesterday morning, Joseph Dudley, a bartender, residing at No. 140 Chestnut street, was dragged 100 feet before the car was stopped. He was carried to the office of Doctor

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

25c to \$10,000

DIAMONDS.

RINGS, solitaires and clusters, at.....\$10, \$20, \$25, \$35, \$50, up to \$3,500
BROOCHES, exquisite holiday novelties, at.....\$10, \$20, \$24, \$30, up to \$7,500
EARRINGS, new and beautiful designs, at.....\$10, \$15, \$25, up to \$1,000
LOCKETS, all the new ideas, at.....\$7, \$10, \$15, \$25, up to \$300
SCARF PINS, for ladies and gentlemen.....\$7, \$10, \$15, \$25, up to \$500
BRACELETS, elegantly finished.....\$20, \$30, \$37, up to \$300
SLEEVE LINKS, for ladies and gentlemen.....\$5, \$8, \$10, \$20, up to \$300
NECKLACES, diamond and pearl.....\$250 up to \$10,000

WATCHES.

BOYS' and Girls' nickel and solid silver.....\$6, \$7.50, \$9, \$12, up to \$20
LADIES' solid silver watches.....\$7, \$8, \$10, \$13, up to \$18
GENTLEMEN'S solid silver watches.....\$10, \$12, \$15, \$20, up to \$50
LADIES' gold-filled watches.....\$17, \$18, \$20, \$25, up to \$48
GENTLEMEN'S gold-filled watches.....\$18, \$21, \$25, up to \$55
LADIES' solid gold watches.....\$20, \$30, \$40, \$60, \$90, up to \$250
GENTLEMEN'S solid gold watches.....\$20, \$30, \$40, \$60, \$100, up to \$450
LADIES' chatelaine watches.....\$8, \$12, \$14, \$20, up to \$900
MINUTE repeaters.....\$250, \$275, \$300, up to \$500

SOLID SILVER.

Solid Silver TEASPOONS, sets of 6, at.....\$3.50 and up to \$11
Solid Silver Dessert Spoons and Forks, sets of 6, at.....\$7.50 and up to \$17.25
Solid Silver Table Spoons and Forks, sets of 6, at.....\$12.50 and up to \$24.50
Solid Silver BONBON Dishes.....\$3, \$3.50, \$4 and up to \$36
Solid Silver BREAD Trays.....\$14, \$22, \$24, \$27, \$32 and up to \$50
Solid Silver TEA Sets.....\$100, \$125, \$148, \$200 and up to \$1,000
CHESTS of Silver.....\$12, \$25, \$28, \$42, \$48, \$65, \$125 and up to \$1,800
Solid Silver TOILET Sets, in cases.....\$12, \$21, \$35 and up to \$125
Solid Silver MANICURE Sets, in cases.....\$5, \$9.50, \$12, \$20, \$25 and up to \$45
Solid Silver TOILET Articles, each.....25c and up to \$25

CUT GLASS.

Water Bottles, each.....\$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5 and up to \$15
Tumbler, dozen.....\$2, \$4, \$5.75 and up to \$14
Pitchers, each.....\$6, \$7, \$7.50 and up to \$38
Bowls, each.....\$3, \$3.50, \$6.50 and up to \$89
Vases, each.....\$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50 and up to \$38
Napkins, each.....\$3, \$4.50, \$5 and up to \$22.50
Punch Bowls, each.....\$28, \$35, \$40 and up to \$175
Sugar and Creams.....\$4.50, \$9 and up to \$22

CHINAWARE.

DINNER SETS.....\$14.00, \$16.00, \$18.00 to \$550.00
COURSE SETS.....\$8.25, \$9.50, \$12.00 to \$110.00
TURKEY SETS.....\$8.25, \$12.00, \$22.00 to \$30.00
OLD VIENNA PLATES.....each \$10.00 to \$45.00
SERVICE PLATES.....\$1.00 to \$228.00
CHOCOLATE SETS.....\$5.50 to \$65.00
METTLECH STEINS......50c to \$25.00
CHINA VASES.....\$1.00 to \$450.00
ROCKWOOD VASES.....\$2.00 to \$50.00
PARIAN MARBLES.....\$1.50 to \$50.00
ITALIAN MARBLES.....\$8.50 to \$975.00
PORCELAIN PAINTINGS.....\$15.00 to \$225.00
GOLD TABLES AND CABINETS.....\$115.00 to \$350.00
ELECTROLIERS, artistic designs.....\$10.00 to \$295.00

SILVERPLATE.

SOUP TURENS.....\$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 to \$40
BAKING DISHES.....\$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$18
BREAD TRAYS.....\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 to \$18.50
WAITERS.....\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 to \$153.00
WATER PITCHERS.....\$3.00, \$3.75, \$5.00, \$10 to \$18
NUT OR FRUIT BOWLS.....\$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$5.00 to \$15.00
CRAB SETS.....\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$5.00 to \$12.00
CANDLESTICKS.....\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$18.50
CANDELABRA.....\$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50 to \$55.00

LEATHER GOODS.

WRIST BAGS.....\$1.25 to \$55.00
CHATBLAINE BAGS.....\$1.25 to \$35
JEWEL CASES.....\$3.50 to \$35.00
PURSES.....\$1.00 to \$55.00
PORTFOLIOS.....\$2.50 to \$27.50
CARD CASES.....\$1.00 to \$75.00
WRITING CASES.....\$1.75 to \$10.00
DESK PADS.....\$1.25 to \$6.00
CIGAR CASES.....\$1.75 to \$22.00
PHYSICIANS' BOOKS.....\$2.50 to \$10.00
TRAVELING SETS.....\$4.50 to \$46
ADDRESS AND MEMORANDUM BOOKS......50c to \$18.00

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This Fine Chatelaine Watch \$65.00

Solid gold, 14k case, open face, extra heavy, raised gold carving in rose finish and fitted with a high-grade fully guaranteed movement. The price includes the beautiful pin to match.

All of our watches are guaranteed to be accurate timekeepers, regardless of the price you pay. Our large assortment makes it easily possible to select a watch to suit any taste and our prices are the lowest, quality considered.



Fine Watch, \$60.00.

Solid 14k Gold Watch (illustrated), hunting case, hand-made, handsomely engraved, fitted with 15-jeweled "Constant" movement.



Jewel Box, \$3.50.

Quadruple silver-plated, French gray finish, satin lined; width, 5 1/2 inches. Other Jewel Boxes, handsome designs, satin lined. \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$15.00. Glove Boxes in bright or dull finish, relief ornamentation in gold or silver. \$10.00 to \$15.00.



"Notsuke" Purse.

Hand-carved leather with Japanese silver chain and ivory knob with silver.

Others from \$6.50 to \$45.00

very convenient to carry in the hand or suspended from the belt.

\$8.50

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Not always know just the style or size to buy in shoes you may desire to give as a Christmas gift.

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619 to 623 N. Broadway.



Brondt's

BUYS OLD BRYAN HOMESTEAD.

Nebraska Statesman Now Owns House Where He Was Born.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Centerville, Ill., Dec. 22.—The real estate transfer of the late Senator Charles E. Bryan to William Jennings Bryan of the old Bryan homestead on Broadway, in Salem.

This is the house in which William Jennings Bryan was born and which has grown famous on that account. The consideration named in the deed is \$200. Colonel Bryan traded an eighty-acre farm in this county for it.

Appointed to Mexico Pastorale.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Mexico, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Reverend Mr. Hardell of Mount City, Ill., has been appointed to the pastorate of the First

Methodist Episcopal Church in this city to succeed the Reverend D. S. Smith, who goes to Idaho City, Idaho, where he has accepted a charge.

COME EARLY.

No Crowds Before 10:30 A. M.

Fountain Pens for gifts—\$1 to \$2.

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To Establish 24-Hour Service.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Mexico, Mo., Dec. 22.—The Mexico Electric Light Company, recently purchased from Macon met by local capitalists, is buying improved machinery and adding to the plant in anticipation of installing twenty-four-hour service.

Greatest Line of Hair Brushes. Something different, something new. Men like them. Koken's, 915 Market street.

THE HARRIS \$4 SHOES.

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